

Child Development Policy Advisory Committee



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Committee Supported Bills

CHAPTERED BILLS

AB 866 (Diaz) - Extends the employers' child care tax credit for child care expenses paid on behalf of an employee from Jan. 1, 2003 to Jan. 1, 2007.
Ch.#650

TWO-YEAR BILLS

AB 298 (Steinberg) - Could expand the After School Learning and Safe Neighborhood Partnerships Program to allow schools to operate programs at multiple sites, other than the school site.

AB 1105 (Simitian) - Would require DSS to develop a system to provide child care assistance to foster parents or relative caregivers for licensed child care.

SB 390 (Escutia) - Would require the State Department of Education to establish an oversight task force with other state and local agencies to develop a state master plan for child care and development.

SB 993 (Figueroa) - Could grant a one-time COLA to state-contracted center based child care and development programs. It requires these programs to receive future COLAs equal to the average COLA granted to K-12. It requires child care center programs to provide age-appropriate educational curricula, either in preparation for school or supporting school success. Contains no appropriation.

Before and After School Programs/Mentoring

CHAPTERED BILLS

AB 6 (Cardenas) - Permits schools to establish before and after school programs under the After School Learning and Safe Neighborhoods Partnership Program. Establishes maximum grants for before and after school programs and revises related funding priorities.

Ch. # 545

AB 297 (Kehoe) - Establishes, until Jan. 1, 2005, the Six-to-Six Before and After School Program to establish a program similar to the After School Learning and Safe Neighborhoods Partnership Programs operated by a city, county, or nonprofit organization, in partnership with a school district and operated on a schoolsite, to operate for up to 30 hours per week without a license or special permit if the program provides before school services that are funded by local government or other local sources and offers after school services.

Ch. # 453

VETOED

AB 49 (Washington) - This bill would have established the Youth Mentoring and Safe Communities Grant Program under the State Librarian. Grants of \$30,000-\$80,000 would be awarded to local libraries to provide after school programs to youth between the ages of 13 and 18. Second year grants would require local libraries to provide a match of \$1 for every \$4 received. Appropriates \$400,000 from GF.

TWO-YEAR BILLS

AB 298 (Steinberg) - Would expand the After School Learning and Safe Neighborhood Partnerships Program to allow schools to operate programs at multiple sites, other than the schoolsite.

Child Care and Early Education

CHAPTERED BILLS

AB 804 (Education Committee) - Is the annual education omnibus bill, which makes several non-controversial, conforming, correcting and technical changes to various education statutes and budget items. NOTES: AB 2907 (ch. 1058) – last yrs. Omnibus bill.
Ch.# 734

AB 1539 (Pavley) - This bill will require a state-funded preschool or infant and toddler program with permission from the parent or guardian, to transfer information deemed beneficial to the pupil and the public school, to the pupil's elementary school.
Ch. # 629

TWO-YEAR BILLS

AB 85 (Washington) - Would allow a sectarian or denominational entity to receive state child care funds.

AB 383 (Chan) - Would establish the California Child Care Health Linkages Program.

AB 396 (Papan) - Would change the income eligibility for state-subsidized child care to 75% of the regional median income.

AB 463 (Vargas) - Would authorize entities that provide home-based family support and education services to apply to the CDE for grants to implement and maintain home-based parent education programs.

AB 753 (Briggs) - Would authorize counties receiving a share of savings based on outcomes or performance to use those funds to fund after-school child care programs.

AB 1146 (Chan) - Would establish the Governor's School Readiness Initiative between the state and the state and local children and families commissions.

AB 1525 (Liu) - Would require Alternative Payment Programs to obtain a waiver from CDE in order to place a child in a child care facility where 75% or more of the children are receiving state-subsidized services.

AB 1568 (Aroner) - Would establish the Family Support in Child Care and Development Program.

AB 1634 (Chan) - Would establish a task force to identify model programs, standards, and curricula for teaching early childhood educators to work with diverse families.

SB 248 (Ortiz) - Would require school readiness programs to be accredited and to be eligible for future funding.

SB 308 (Escutia) - Would require the Superintendent of Public Instruction to provide the Legislature with a plan for providing high quality child care and development services for all individuals who meet the income eligibility criteria.

SB 390 Escutia) - Would require the State Department of Education to establish an oversight task force with other state and local agencies to develop a state master plan for child care and development.

SB 541 (Scott) - Would enact the Child Care Family Support and Accountability Act of 2001 to amend provisions in the Child Care Development Services Act.

SB 895 (Figueroa) - Could make technical, nonsubstantial changes in provisions of the Child Care and Development Services Act. Relates to Child Care and Development Facilities Loan Guarantees.

SB 993 (Figueroa) - Would grant a one-time COLA to state-contracted center based child care and development programs.

Children's Welfare

CHAPTERED BILLS

AB 102 (Rod Pacheco) - Provides that whenever a mandated reporter has knowledge of or observes a child whom the mandated reporter suspects has been the victim of child abuse or neglect that endangers the child's emotional well-being, but does not amount to the inflictions of mental suffering, the reporter may make a report to a child protective agency. Requires child protective agencies to forward reports of abuse or severe neglect to the Department of Justice **NOTES: Restores language inadvertently deleted in the definition of child abuse and neglect in out-of-home care, and restores provisions allowing the reporting provision of the Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting Act (CANRA). Similar to AB 1241 from last year.**
Ch. # 133

SB 511 (Alpert) - Requires the Department of Education to award grants for the establishment Family Empowerment Centers on Disability in each of the 32 Early Start Family Resource Centers that are operated by the Department of Developmental Services. Centers would be staffed primarily by parents, guardians, and family members of children w/disabilities.
Ch. # 690

TWO-YEAR BILLS

AB 789 (Salinas) - Would establish a system of mental health services for serious emotionally disturbed children.

AB 971 (Steinberg) - Would establish the Safe and Healthy Schools Program.

AB 1105 (Simitian) - Would require the Department of Social Services to develop a system to provide child care assistance to foster parents or relative caregivers for licensed child care.

AB 1239 (Alquist) - This bill would establish the Reach Out and Read program.

Foster Care

CHAPTERED BILLS

AB 333 (Wright) - Requires each visit of a foster child placed in a group home by county welfare departments or county probation departments to include a private discussion between the foster child and the county social worker or probation officer. **Ch. #675**

AB 538 (Cardoza) - Makes various changes to California adoption statutes.
Ch. #353

AB 636 (Steinberg) - Enacts the Child Welfare System (CWS) Improvement and Accountability Act of 2001. Requires the CA Health and Human Services Agency in collaboration with specified entities, to establish and adopt measurable outcome standards for foster children and their families.
Ch. #678

AB 899 (Liu) - Specifies the rights of children in foster care, and requires social workers and foster care facilities to provide information regarding those rights.
Ch. #683

AB 1261 (Migden/Cardenas) - Expand the eligibility for the Transitional Housing Placement Program (THPP) and makes changes to the program's rate-setting system.

Ch. # 686

AB 1449 (Keeley) - Alleviate some of the burden of reimbursing the state for public assistance paid on behalf of a child if the child has returned to the home of the obligor and the reduction of the payments is necessary to help the parent or guardian support the child.

Ch. # 463

TWO-YEAR BILLS

AB 364 (Aroner) - Would require the Department of Social Services (DSS) to establish regulations requiring counties, over a five-year period, to implement reduced child welfare services workload standards.

AB 557 (Aroner) - Would establish the Foster Parent Recruitment and Retention Program to assist counties in increasing the number of licensed foster family homes.

AB 797 (Shelley) - Would authorize the expansion of the Foster Youth Services (FYS) program.

AB 1105 (Simitian/Shelley) - Would require the Department of Social Services (DSS) to establish a child care payment program for licensed foster parents and relative caregivers.

AB 1119 (Hertzberg) - Would provide financial assistance to emancipated foster youth and establishes an Internet-based health and education passport system for foster youth.

AB 1330 (Steinberg) – Could increase the foster care provider reimbursement rates and establishes a rate enhancement.

AB 1666 (Keeley) – Could require the Department of Social Services (DSS) to develop a rate setting system for licensed community care facilities participating in transitional housing placement programs.

K-12 Education

CHAPTERED BILLS

AB 1107 (Leach) - Eliminates obsolete legislative reports from the Education Code and from budget control language. Makes specified changes to the information required to be included in the report and program evaluation by school districts to the Legislature or the Department of Education on career technical education and training programs, including regional occupational centers, an annual program evaluation derived from a representative sample of participating schools. Deletes a requirement for the submission of a Child Care Facilities Fund plan by the Superintendent.
Ch. # 750

AB 1302 (Committee on Education) - Delays the implementation of the Kindergarten Readiness Pilot Program until the 2002-2003 school year.
Ch. # 394

VETOED

AB 316 (Salinas) - Would have required the CDE to provide grants to school districts, until Jan. 1, 2004, for the purpose of holding one parental involvement event on a day during the weekend.

SB 515 (Alpert) - Would have established the California Task Force on Youth Development & Violence Prevention, to be comprised of at least seventeen members including representatives from specified governmental entities having to do with education, social service and public safety, as well as five youth representatives. Requires the office of the Attorney General to provide support and management of funds. The Council would advise the Governor and the Legislature on the ways and means to establish programs, systems, and processes to provide youth access to a full array of services. Requires each participating state agency to contribute funding for implementation.

TWO- YEAR BILLS

AB 47 (Cardenas) - Would establish the Schoolsite Parent Centers Facilities Program to provide schools with permanent structures to serve as parent centers.

AB 323 (Pavely) - Would authorizes the State Board of Education to waive the requirement that no pupil in kindergarten may be kept in school in any day for more than 4 hours to allow school districts and county offices of education to establish extended-day kindergarten programs.

AB 634 (Wesson) - This bill would lower the age of compulsory school attendance from 6 to 5.

AB 1102 (Leach) - Would require Department of Education to terminate the contract of any child care agency that places a person in a position of fiscal responsibility or control that has been convicted of burglary, forgery, counterfeiting or larceny.

Licensing

CHAPTERED BILLS

SB 819 (Johnson) - Requires that the State Department of Social Services reopen an investigation into a licensed child day care facility when any person provides the department with a certified copy of a court record in which a judicial officer has determined that a child's injury may have been inflicted while in the custody of the day care facility.

Ch.# 378

TWO-YEAR BILLS

AB 685 (Wayne) - Would allow CDSS to evaluate the effectiveness of unannounced site visits subject to available resources.

AB 1358 (Pescetti) - Would require CDSS to remove inconclusive complaints against child car facilities (family child care homes and centers) from its public files after two years of receipt of the complaint.

SB 793 (Battin) - This bill would require the Department of Social Services to adopt, implement, and enforce regulations requiring any state licensed child care facility to notify parents of convictions of any felony or any other specified crime of any designated person connected with the facility.

Taxes/Income Support

CHAPTERED BILLS

AB 866 (Diaz) - Extends the employers' child care tax credit for child care expenses paid on behalf of an employee from Jan. 1, 2003 to Jan. 1, 2007. It also disallows an employer credit for an employee's contribution to a dependent care plan.

Ch. # 650

TWO-YEAR BILLS

AB 106 (Cedillo) - Would establish a state earned income tax credit for low-income working parents with children equal to 15% of the federal credit.

AB 149 (Zettle) - Would expands the definition of "qualifying educational institution," for purposes of the tax credit for credentialed teachers, to include preschool, prekindergarten, and adult education, and extends that credit to also apply to credentialed specialists, as provided.

AB 1257 (Cardenas) - Would establish a tax credit of 50% of the amount spent for construction of new licensed centers or for expansion of licensed centers or family child care homes to serve low-income families.

SB 681 (Figueroa) - This bill proposes to make affordable health coverage available to all child care teachers and providers.